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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

STB Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No. 1)

Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC), pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. E.D.T.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Hearing Room on the first floor of the Board's headquarters at 395 E Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20423.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Higgins (202) 245-0284;

Michael.Higgins@stb.gov. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at: (800) 877-8339].

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: RETAC was formed in 2007 to provide advice and guidance to the Board, and to serve as a forum for discussion of emerging issues related to the transportation of energy resources by rail, including coal, ethanol, and other biofuels.

<u>Establishment of a Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee</u>, Docket No. EP 670. The purpose of this meeting is to continue discussions regarding issues such as rail performance, capacity constraints, infrastructure planning and development, and effective coordination among suppliers, carriers, and users of energy resources. Potential agenda items for this meeting

include a performance measures review, industry segment updates by RETAC members, a presentation on energy transportation logistics, and a roundtable discussion.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be conducted in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2; Federal Advisory Committee Management regulations, 41 C.F.R. pt. 102-3; RETAC's charter; and Board procedures. Further communications about this meeting may be announced through the Board's website at <a href="https://www.stb.gov.">www.stb.gov.</a>

Written Comments: Members of the public may submit written comments to RETAC at any time. Comments should be addressed to RETAC, c/o Michael Higgins, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001 or Michael.Higgins@stb.gov.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. § 1321, 49 U.S.C. § 11101; 49 U.S.C. § 11121.

Decided: September 20, 2017.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.